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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before consideration of the above identified application pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, and in response to the final Office Action dated January 31, 2005, and the Advisory Action dated March 14, 2005, Applicant's submit the following amendments and remarks for entry and consideration.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page two (2) of this paper.

Remarks begin on page seven (7) of this paper.